

Introduced by Senator Scott

January 15, 2008

An act to amend Sections 44260, 44260.1, 44260.8, and 44399 of, and to repeal Section 44253 of, the Education Code, relating to teacher credentials.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1104, as introduced, Scott. Teacher credentialing.

(1) Existing law authorizes the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue a 2-year preliminary designated subjects teaching credential upon the completion by an applicant of certain specified requirements.

This bill would repeal that authority.

(2) Existing law specifies the requirements for a designated subjects preliminary career technical education teaching credential and for a 5-year renewal of that preliminary credential.

This bill instead would provide that the preliminary credential is valid for a period of 3 years, revise the requirements to receive the credential by reducing the required experience from 5 years to 3 years and deleting the requirement to complete units or pass an exam regarding the United States Constitution, and rename it the 3-year preliminary designated subjects career technical education teaching credential. The bill also would revise the renewal requirements, adding the United States Constitution requirement and a requirement to study computer-based technology, and instead apply those requirements to the receipt of a 5-year clear designated subjects career technical education teaching credential. The bill also would require the holder of either a preliminary or clear designated subjects career technical education credential to satisfy the minimum experience requirements established by the local

educational agency for each course the credential holder is assigned to teach.

(3) Existing law specifies the requirements to receive a clear designated subjects teaching credential for vocational education or adult education.

This bill instead would rename that teaching credential the clear designated subjects adult education teaching credential and make it applicable only to adult education.

(4) Existing law requires the commission to issue a professional clear credential to the holder of a preliminary multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist teaching credential who attains certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

This bill instead would make that requirement applicable to the holder of a preliminary teaching credential, including preliminary designated subjects credentials.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 44253 of the Education Code is repealed.
- 2 ~~44253. (a) The commission may issue a preliminary designated~~
- 3 ~~subjects teaching credential, for a period not to exceed two years,~~
- 4 ~~pending completion of the requirements in subdivisions (b) and~~
- 5 ~~(c).~~
- 6 ~~(b) A course or examination on the provisions and principles~~
- 7 ~~of the United States Constitution.~~
- 8 ~~(c) The applicant meets the requirements of this state for teacher~~
- 9 ~~fitness pursuant to Sections 44339, 44340, and 44341.~~
- 10 SEC. 2. Section 44260 of the Education Code is amended to
- 11 read:
- 12 44260. The minimum requirements for the *three-year*
- 13 *preliminary* designated subjects ~~preliminary~~ career technical
- 14 education teaching credential shall be all of the following:
- 15 (a) ~~Five~~ *Three* years or the equivalent of adequate, successful,
- 16 and recent experience in, or experience and education in, the
- 17 subject named on the credential.
- 18 (b) Possession of a high school diploma or the passage of an
- 19 equivalency examination as designated by the commission.

1 ~~(e) Completion of two semester units or passage of an~~
2 ~~examination on the principles and provisions of the United States~~
3 ~~Constitution, as specified in Section 44335.~~

4 *(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the holder of a credential*
5 *described in this section shall satisfy the minimum experience*
6 *requirements established by the local educational agency for each*
7 *course he or she is assigned to teach.*

8 SEC. 3. Section 44260.1 of the Education Code is amended to
9 read:

10 44260.1. The minimum requirements for the five-year renewal
11 ~~of the preliminary~~ *clear* designated subjects career technical
12 education teaching credential shall be all of the following:

13 (a) A valid *three-year preliminary* designated subjects
14 ~~preliminary~~ career technical education teaching credential.

15 (b) Two years of successful teaching, or the equivalent, as
16 authorized by the designated subjects preliminary career technical
17 education teaching credential.

18 (c) Completion of a program of personalized preparation as
19 approved by the commission. It is the intent of the Legislature that
20 the program of personalized preparation be consistent with whether
21 the credential holder performs full-time or part-time service.

22 ~~(d) Completion of a program of study in health education,~~
23 ~~including, but not limited to, an emphasis on the physiological and~~
24 ~~sociological effects of abuse of alcohol, narcotics, and drugs, and~~
25 ~~of the use of tobacco.~~

26 *(d) The study of health education as specified in subparagraph*
27 *(A) of paragraph (4) of subdivision (c) of Section 44259.*

28 *(e) Completion of two semester units or passage of an*
29 *examination on the principles and provisions of the United States*
30 *Constitution, as specified in Section 44335.*

31 *(f) The study of computer-based technology, including the uses*
32 *of technology in educational settings.*

33 *(g) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), the holder of a credential*
34 *described in this section shall satisfy the minimum experience*
35 *requirements established by the local educational agency for each*
36 *course he or she is assigned to teach.*

37 SEC. 4. Section 44260.8 of the Education Code is amended to
38 read:

39 44260.8. (a) The minimum requirements for the clear
40 designated subjects *adult education* teaching credential shall

1 include the study of health education as specified in *subparagraph*
2 (A) of paragraph (1) (4) of subdivision (c) of Section 44259.

3 (b) The minimum requirements for the clear designated subjects
4 *adult education* teaching credential ~~for vocational education or~~
5 ~~adult education~~ shall include study of computer-based technology,
6 including the uses of technology in educational settings, ~~and the~~
7 ~~minimum requirements for the special subjects credential may, at~~
8 ~~the discretion of the commission, include the study of~~
9 ~~computer-based technology, including the uses of technology in~~
10 ~~educational settings.~~

11 SEC. 5. Section 44399 of the Education Code is amended to
12 read:

13 44399. Notwithstanding any provision of law, except Sections
14 44332.6, 44340, 44346.1, and 44830.1, the commission shall issue
15 a ~~professional~~ clear credential to the holder of a preliminary
16 ~~multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist~~ teaching
17 credential who attains certification from the National Board for
18 Professional Teaching Standards. The ~~professional~~ clear credential
19 issued pursuant to this section shall authorize the holder to teach
20 in the area that the commission determines is equivalent to the
21 certificate field in which the teacher received certification from
22 the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.